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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today I have signed Enrolled House Bill 4325, which makes fiscal year 2012 appropriations to school aid, community colleges and higher education of over \$14.3 billion, more than one-third of the state's total budget. A copy of the bill has been filed with the Secretary of State.

The school aid portion of the budget totals nearly \$12.7 billion. While living within our means has required many difficult choices in this budget, I applaud the use of \$309 million in one-time funding to encourage implementation of financial best practices and to mitigate employer retirement contribution costs. In addition, I thank the Legislature for its support of early childhood programs by appropriating more than \$115 million, a \$6 million increase, for those programs.

The community colleges and higher education components of the budget total nearly \$284 million and \$1.4 billion respectively. I would note that there are several sections contained in the higher education portion of the budget that state legislative intent. While the Legislature has every right to state its advice, preferences, or wishes through a statement of intent, such statements do not impose conditions upon appropriations and are non-binding.

In conclusion, I thank the Legislature for its support of an omnibus education bill that recognizes the interdependency of Michigan's education system from preschool to higher education. In addition, I thank the Legislature for its timely completion of this budget, allowing our school districts, community colleges and higher education institutions to complete their budget decisions in a timely manner as well.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Snyder".

Rick Snyder
Governor

cc: Michigan State Senate
The Honorable Ruth Johnson, Secretary of State

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
96TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011**

Introduced by Rep. Moss

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4325

AN ACT to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "An act to make appropriations to aid in the support of the public schools and the intermediate school districts of the state; to make appropriations for certain other purposes relating to education; to provide for the disbursement of the appropriations; to supplement the school aid fund by the levy and collection of certain taxes; to authorize the issuance of certain bonds and provide for the security of those bonds; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to create certain funds and provide for their expenditure; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending the title and sections 2, 6, 11, 11a, 11g, 11j, 11k, 11m, 15, 18, 20, 20d, 22a, 22b, 22d, 22e, 24, 24a, 24c, 26a, 26b, 31a, 31d, 31f, 32b, 32d, 32j, 39, 39a, 40, 51a, 51c, 51d, 53a, 54, 56, 61a, 62, 74, 81, 93, 94a, 98, 99, 104, 107, 109, 147, and 152a (MCL 388.1602, 388.1606, 388.1611, 388.1611a, 388.1611g, 388.1611j, 388.1611k, 388.1611m, 388.1615, 388.1618, 388.1620, 388.1620d, 388.1622a, 388.1622b, 388.1622d, 388.1622e, 388.1624, 388.1624a, 388.1624c, 388.1626a, 388.1626b, 388.1631a, 388.1631d, 388.1631f, 388.1632b, 388.1632d, 388.1632j, 388.1639, 388.1639a, 388.1640, 388.1651a, 388.1651c, 388.1651d, 388.1653a, 388.1654, 388.1656, 388.1661a, 388.1662, 388.1674, 388.1681, 388.1693, 388.1694a, 388.1698, 388.1699, 388.1704, 388.1707, 388.1709, 388.1747, and 388.1752a), the title as amended by 2003 PA 158, sections 6, 11a, 11g, 11k, 15, 18, 20, 20d, 22b, 22d, 24, 24a, 26b, 31a, 31d, 31f, 32b, 32d, 32j, 39, 51c, 51d, 53a, 54, 61a, 62, 74, 98, 99, 107, and 147 as amended by 2010 PA 110, sections 11, 11m, 22a, 51a, and 56 as amended and section 152a as added by 2010 PA 217, sections 11j, 22e, 24c, 26a, 39a, 81, 94a, and 104 as amended and section 93 as added by 2010 PA 204, section 40 as amended by 2000 PA 297, and section 109 as amended by 1994 PA 283, by amending the heading of article I, and by adding sections 12, 22f, 147a, 147b and articles II, III, and IV; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

TITLE

An act to make appropriations to aid in the support of the public schools, the intermediate school districts, community colleges, and public universities of the state; to make appropriations for certain other purposes relating to education; to provide for the disbursement of the appropriations; to authorize the issuance of certain bonds and provide for the security of those bonds; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to create certain funds and provide for their expenditure; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

ARTICLE I

STATE AID TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EARLY CHILDHOOD, AND ADULT EDUCATION

Sec. 2. As used in this article and article IV, the words and phrases defined in sections 3 to 6 have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

at \$283,880,500.00 and the amount of that state spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2011-2012 is estimated at \$283,880,500.00.

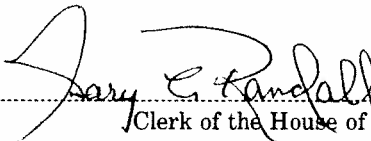
(3) In accordance with section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources for higher education for fiscal year 2011-2012 under article III as added by this amendatory act is estimated at \$1,263,952,000.00 and the amount of that state spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2011-2012 is estimated at \$0.

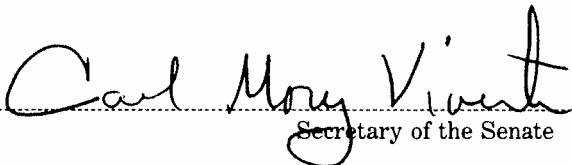
Enacting section 2. Sections 11d, 11p, 20j, 20k, 29, 32c, 41, 64, 65, 92, 99i, 99p, 158b, and 166c, of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1611d, 388.1611p, 388.1620j, 388.1620k, 388.1629, 388.1632c, 388.1641, 388.1664, 388.1665, 388.1692, 388.1699i, 388.1699p, 388.1758b, and 388.1766c, are repealed effective October 1, 2011.

Enacting section 3. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), this amendatory act takes effect October 1, 2011.

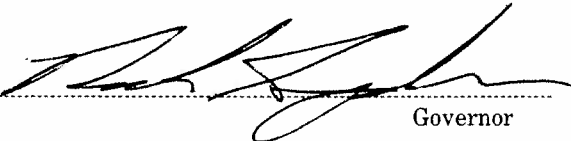
(2) Sections 11, 11m, 22a, 22b, 51a, 51c, and 74 of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1611, 388.1611m, 388.1622a, 388.1622b, 388.1651a, 388.1651c, and 388.1674, as amended by this amendatory act, take effect upon enactment of this amendatory act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.


Clerk of the House of Representatives


Secretary of the Senate

Approved 6/21/11 3:12 PM


Governor